### **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

## **Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder <u>or scaffolding</u> comprising or other article including:
  - (a) a bodya fixed component;
  - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
  - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
    - (d) a foot attached to the movable component and pivotable relative thereto;
    - (eb) a primary attachment member connected to the <u>fixed component</u>body;
  - (fe) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member or other article; and
  - (d) <u>a locking means comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating</u>

    <u>aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary</u>

    <u>attachment member to therebyfor retaining</u> the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together.

# 2. (Cancelled)

- 3. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 2 wherein the fixed component comprises a guiding means for guiding the movement of the movable component, wherein the guiding means is in the form of a housing, channel or at least one pair of brackets.
- 4. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 3 wherein the guiding means comprises a housing.
- 5. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 4 wherein the housing comprises an elongate continuous enclosed hollow tube.

#### Claims 6 through 9. (Cancelled)

- 10. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the secondary attachment member is adapted to be secured to a side rail of the ladder.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 10 wherein the secondary attachment member <u>is</u> secured by a <u>second</u> fastener that is adapted to extend at least through the side rail of the ladder.

- 12. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 11 wherein the second fastener is coupled to a rod adapted to traverse the ladder from one side rail to another side rail.
- 13. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 12 wherein the rod is adapted to be located within an adjacent rung of the ladder.

## 14. (Cancelled)

- 15. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 14 wherein the primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket or the primary attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim <u>1</u> <del>15</del> wherein the primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket.
- 17. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 15 wherein the peg is slidable within the socket.

### 18. (Cancelled)

- 19. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 18 wherein said at least one fastener locking means comprises a locking ring or locking pin coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying a force to bias the pin into the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 19 wherein the at least one fastener comprises a said locking ring having comprises a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and adapted to be inserted through said socket the mating aperture or groove in the primary attachment member or the secondary attachment member and securable within the peg aperture to thereby retain the socket and peg together.

- 21. (Currently Amended) A ladder or scaffolding assembly comprising:
  - (i) a ladder or scaffolding;
  - (ii) a support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:
    - (a) a fixed component;
  - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
  - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased to be inserted into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
  - (d) a foot attached to the movable component and pivotable relative thereto;
    - (e) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
  - (f) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and
  - aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together.a support apparatus or accessory comprising:

(1) a body;

(2) a primary attachment member connected to the body;

(3) a secondary attachment member secured to the ladder; and

(4) locking means for retaining the primary attachment member

and the secondary attachment member together.

Claims 22 and 23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The ladder assembly of claim 21 23 wherein the primary

attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket or the primary

attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The ladder assembly of claim 24 25 wherein the locking means

at least one fastener comprises a locking ring or locking pin coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled

spring applying a force to bias the pin into the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the

primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.

Claims 27 and 28. (Cancelled)

- 29. (New) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding including:
  - (a) a fixed component;
  - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
  - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased to be inserted into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
  - (d) at least one primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
  - (e) at least one secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and
  - (f) a lock for retaining the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together.

- 30. (New) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding including:
  - (a) a fixed component;
- (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
  - (c) at least one primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
- (d) at least one secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and
- (e) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together.
- 31. (New) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1, wherein the securing pin is coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying force to bias the securing pin into the mating aperture or groove located on the movable component.
- 32. (New) The ladder assembly of claim 21, wherein the securing pin is coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying force to bias the securing pin into the mating aperture or groove located on the movable component.

- 33. (New) The ladder assembly of claim 21 wherein the at least one fastener comprises a locking ring comprising a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and is spring biased to be inserted through the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.
- 34. (New) The ladder assembly of claim 21 wherein the primary attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.